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## MESSAGES from MAX



**CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB**

Finally some decent weather. I hope it's here to stay. We're once again having a little membership drive during the next two months. Build it and they will come, is about to have a little help. The management has decided that sitting around and waiting for the membership to fill up, is not cutting it. By the time you receive this email, you may have already received a mail out from the club. We have partnered up with RSVP and have a nice post card being mass mailed to upper income homes in Rankin, Hinds and Madison counties. The idea is to bring some people out that haven't played at Castlewoods in the past few years and hopefully they will join. We're also adjusting the offer on the card to benefit our current members. During the months of March and April 2007, for every new member that an existing member brings on board (one year contract and \$1,000 initiation fee), we'll credit both the new member and the existing member accounts one month of dues. Sign up three members before May 1st and receive three months credit on your statement. Tough to get them out to play? In an effort to entice new players out to play Castlewoods, we're going to allow a LIMITED number of non-members to play daily for \$25 per person per round. This will be closely



Bob Landry enjoys some of Geri's great breakfast before the Super Bowl Scramble.

monitored to ensure that we don't inconvenience our regular playing groups and every tee time will be booked by me. Our goal is to open up the club to 4 or 5 groups daily of non-members that hopefully will turn into members. Since May is our busiest month of the year, we won't offer these green fee discounts after April 30th.

Congratulations are in order to Wayne Whitley and David Sinclair for their fine round of 63 to capture the Gross Division of the 2007 CMGA's Superbowl Scramble played on Sunday February 4th. Just nudged out of first place were the teams of Shane Humphries/Grady Lodes and Duke Simmons/George Hinman with 64. Bill Trout and Charlie Carnaghie continued their little tournament run by posting a 55.5 to win the Net Division of the tournament. They nipped Bob

and Bill Meyer(56) by one shot while third place finishers were Jimmy and Tony Searcy in with a 59. Great playing guys! For more results please see page 3. The CMGA Icebreaker was postponed due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for April 7th. It's a 4man scramble and the CMGA will make the teams based on A,B,C,D players using your handicap. Cost will be \$30 per player plus cart fee; along with your annual dues to the CMGA of \$20 if you haven't already paid them. It will be a 9 am shotgun with lunch and awards following play. And as usual, there will be a keg sponsored by George Butts.

I have good news to report. The golf course has made it through the winter much better than in previous years. Mike Stupica and crew did an excellent job of preparing the course for winter which in turn is allowing the best spring green up since the new ownership took over in February of 2004. So now we have great weather, a great golf course, and a great deal to bring your friends out to play. Take advantage of it and come out and ENJOY!

Happy St. Paddy's Day!

*Max Maxwell*

## TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

It's going to be ugly or at least from my perspective it will be. This is the time of year when most golf course superintendents think the appearance of the course will be at it's least. The grass will start to break dormancy and the rains will keep it wet. The less frequent frost will burn the tips off the green grass and the leaves left on the trees from last year will fall off. There is help around the corner. The frosty mornings will soon give way to 55 degrees at sunrise and beautiful 75-degree days. Now the work will really begin.

After a long winter we are looking forward to getting some real work done on the course. The irrigation overhaul will soon be complete, sinkholes will be addressed, and the mowing equipment will be on the move. It is time to put the plan into affect. We will apply our pre-emergent herbicide to the course as soon as things dry enough to get off the cart path. We will push the greens to grow out of dormancy as quick as possible with timely applications of fertilizer. It won't be long before we will enjoy


the lush green grass that Castlewood's is known for.

Speaking of the plan, what is the plan? Our goal for this year is to have better greens than ever before on a day-to-day basis. I talked before about some promising new technology that will allow us to better maintain our greens and make them more consistent as a whole. We will also spend more time this year on fairways and tees than in years past. We want these areas to shine as brightly as the August sun. The irrigation overhaul will help tremendously by allowing us to water more in the early morning before golf begins. This will help these areas play better than in years past.

Our full seasonal crew will be here soon. We are looking forward to a great season. Bring your friends and enjoy what will be the premier golf destination in central Mississippi.

*Mike Stupica*

### MARCH 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 KIDS CHANCE	2	3 CLGA Kick Off
4	5 NWR H.S. Golf Invitational	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 SUDS Cup Tournament	31 SUDS Cup Tournament
1 APRIL SUDS Cup Tournament	2	3	4	5 Brandon Elementary Outing	6	7 CMGA Icebreaker 9am

# Pool & Tennis NEWS by Buck Boyd



**COURT TIMES** ... Please call in advance to reserve a court time, so you do not have to wait or be turned away. Lights cannot be turned on from the outside. Please do not access the breaker box.

**ADULT MIXERS** will be on March 16th at 6:30pm. **Please RSVP** on Buck's cell if you plan to attend. Cost is \$15/couple & \$10/individual to cover cost of food and tennis balls. Non-members are invited but must pay the \$5 court fee in addition to the cover.

**NEW TIME FOR LADIES INTERMEDIATE DRILLS** Every Sunday afternoon from 3-4:30 pm. Ladies from 3.0 - 3.5 NTRP drill each Sunday. Cost is only \$10/class & you do not have to register—just show up & play!

**Reminder that courts close at 9pm Tuesday-Thursday and 6pm Friday-Sunday.**

**BEGINNER CLASS** continues for adults. Call Buck at (601) 397-2825 for details or to register. The cost for the 6 week class is \$60.

**BALL MACHINE RENTAL:** Available at \$10 per hour. Please call ahead to reserve.

**LEAGUE PLAY** continues in March, so please check in Pro Shop before taking the courts & call ahead to reserve courts.

## CMGA SUPER BOWL 2MAN SCRAMBLE RESULTS:

### GROSS DIVISION:

- 1st Place—David Sinclair/Wayne Whitley (63)
- 2nd Place— Shane Humphries/Grady Lodes (64)
- 3rd Place— Duke Simmons/George Hinman (64)
- 4th Place— Ryan Bukvich/Travis Naccarato (65)
- 5th Place— Steve McKay/Michael Slack (65)

### NET DIVISION:

- 1st Place— Charlie Carnaghie/Bill Trout (55.5)
- 2nd Place—Bob Meyer/Bill Meyer (56)
- 3rd Place— Jimmy Searcy/Tony Searcy (59)
- 4th Place— John Rippy/Derrell Palmer (59.5)
- 5th Place— Bill Swan/Glen Fortenberry (59.5)



### CLOSEST TO THE PINS:

- Hole #4—Brian Brister
- Hole #7—Dan Bennett
- Hole #12—Eric Peacock
- Hole #15—Daniel Cross

Closest to Pin with One Shot

on Hole #10—Ryan Bukvich

**LONGEST DRIVE** Hole #10—John Oxley



## "OLD" GUYS' GOLF

(Jackson Senior Men's Golf Association -JSMGA):

**REVISION TO ' OLD GUYS GOLF' ARTICLE....**When I prepared this article, I used my computer data from '05 ; consequently, I had the wrong golf costs ('05 vs '06). Anyway, the JSMGA annual dues are \$15 (vs \$10) and the tournament fees are \$30 (vs \$25) per event. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and will refund membership dues to anyone who wishes. Please notify by of your decision as soon as practical.

Sorry, Bill Meyer

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## Tips by PGA Professional Kevin Downey

### How to Get the Most Out of Your Oversized Driver

The key to hitting the ball farther with the modern driver and golf ball (which spins much less off of a flat face than balls of the past) is high launch combined with a low spin rate. Our goal is to get enough spin to achieve lift, while minimizing (hopefully eliminating) drag.

Assuming that you have a driver with enough loft, here are **four things that you can do to increase launch and decrease spin rate, thus increasing your distance off the tee:**

**Tee the Ball Higher**—The old adage has always been that the top of the driver should be about halfway up the ball when it is teed up. However, with a 460cc driver, I like to see you set the ball high enough on a peg such that the top of the driver is no more than one-third of the way up the ball. Of course, this means that the standard 2 1/8-inch tee will not be long enough to accommodate. You will need a tee at least 3 inches in length, but likely a little longer than this.

**Move the Ball Forward in Your Stance**—(Towards your left foot for a right-handed golfer) The notion of playing the ball off of your left heel is no longer valid. We want to hit the ball on the upswing, thus increasing launch angle and decreasing the ball's spin rate. In order to do this, we must move the ball forward in our stance. For some golfers, it will be enough to play the ball off of your big toe, while for others it may be necessary to move the ball all the way up so that it is positioned outside of your left foot. Experiment with different ball positions – but, whatever you do, move the ball forward in your stance!

**Set Up to Hit the Ball on the Center of the Face**—Most golfers set their driver on the ground at address. This results in a high percentage of driver shots being hit on the heel-side of the face, especially when we tee the ball higher. Test yourself this way: The next time you are at the range and set up to hit your driver, once in the address position stretch your arms out and move the club up to the ball's height. Notice where the ball is going to contact the face of your driver? On the heel side – or possibly the hosel – of your driver. This is a very common problem for golfers – and it's an awkward adjustment.

The solution is very simple, however. Instead of setting your driver behind the ball such that the center of the face is aligned with the ball, move backwards a couple of inches (towards your back) such that the toe of your driver is aligned with the ball. Now do the test again. Stretch out your arms and pick the club up to the ball's height. Is the ball aligned with the center of the driver face? If so, put the club back down and fire! If not, keep moving back until it is. Don't worry that once you set the driver down it doesn't align with the ball. The ball isn't on the ground – it's three inches above the ground!

**Hit the Ball on the Upswing**—The driver is now a specialty club, much like a putter. Our set-up, ball position – everything is different from any other club in the bag. You shouldn't be hitting the ball at the bottom – or apex – of the golf swing like a fairway wood. The ball should be struck past this point, on the upswing. This will lead to a higher launch angle and lower spin rate – which is how we are going to hit the ball farther than we ever have before.